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7 May 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the DCI. Such requested action is contained in paragraph 6.

2. [redacted] had previously expressed concern over the possibility of the Soviets smuggling into Mexico a disassembled nuclear device and subsequently smuggling such a device into the United States.

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3. On approximately 8 February 1957, [redacted] a letter to the DCI expressing this concern and asking that the matter be referred to the appropriate Agency of government concerned with this problem. Since the Office of Security sat as an observer on the ICIS Subcommittee to discuss the possibility of limiting the size of the diplomatic pouch in view of the concern that a disassembled atomic weapon could be smuggled into the U.S. through this means, it was decided that the Office of Security should furnish this information to the ICIS as a matter of information. This was done on [redacted] in a letter to the ICIS in which the identity [redacted] was not made known.

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4. In the middle of April, Mr. Nice of the Immigration and Naturalization Service requested the identity of this contact in order that additional information might be obtained. [redacted] was contacted and advised that he had no objection to further discussing this matter with the Immigration Service and his name and address was then furnished to the Immigration Service [redacted] It is presumed that Immigration did interview [redacted] although this Agency has not received any report of that interview.

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5. Mr. Hoover, as Chairman of the IIC, in his letter of 2 May 1957 asked whether this Agency had any additional information

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on this matter from either our contact or other sources. OO, WH and CI Staff advises that they have no additional information on this matter.

6. It is recommended that the attached letter of reply to Mr. Hoover be signed.

[Redacted Signature Box]
Deputy Director of Security

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Attachment:
Letter of reply

[Redacted Box] (6 May 57)

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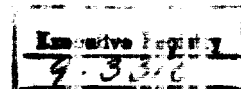
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cc'd
Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Chairman, Interdepartmental Intelligence
Conference
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Your letter of 2 May 1957 advised of the interest of the Interdepartmental Intelligence Conference in the comments of a contact of this Agency concerning the possibility of a nuclear weapon being smuggled into the United States from Mexico.

In April, a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service requested the identity of the Agency's contact for the purpose of interviewing this individual to obtain additional information. The identity of the source was furnished the INS and it is presumed that an interview has been held.

This Agency has no additional information on this matter either from this source or from other sources of this Agency. You may be assured that should any information of this nature come to the attention of this Agency, you will be promptly informed.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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